(*a*) whether the prohibition of registry of lands in the said area still continues; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have investigated the possibility of assigning lands in the said area for the purpose of cultivation?

(*c*) In view of the answer of Government that "the officers of the Madras Government are against allowing registry of lands in the catchment area," will they be pleased to take steps for getting compensation for the loss of revenue consequent on the prohibition to register cultivable lands in such area?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) The whole matter is under the consideration of Government.

Change of name of 'Shanar' Community into 'Nadar' Community.

7. **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Was there any prayer from the representative of the Nadar community at the 19th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly that the caste name of his community should be changed from 'Shanar' into 'Nadar'?

(*b*) Is it true that, in response to this prayer, Government published a notification in the *Gazette* by which the caste name of the community was changed from 'Shanar' into 'Nadar'?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. A. G. O. was issued, directing that the caste name "Nadar" should be adopted in place of "Shanan" in all official documents.

Change of name of 'Paraya' community to 'Sambavar' community and 'Pulaya' community into 'Cheramar' community.

8. **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Were there any representations from the General Secretaries of the Travancore Sambavar *Sangham* and the Travancore Cheramar *Sangham* at the 17th and 18th Sessions of the Assembly that the caste names of their respective communities should be changed from 'Paraya' into 'Sambavar' and 'Pulaya' into 'Cheramar'?

(*b*) If so, what orders were passed by Government on the prayers of these two Secretaries?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No orders were passed in respect of the representation at the 17th Session; and the representation at the 18th Session was recorded.

Number of Graduates among the Depressed Classes.

9. **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that, among the depressed classes, Cheramar, Sidhanar, Aiyanavar and Pandiyar communities have not yet produced a single graduate in arts and that the Sambavar community possesses only four graduates in arts?

(*b*) If not, will the Government be pleased to make an enquiry?

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MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):
(*a*) The information is noted.
(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Terms of Contract with Messrs. Naire & Naire, London, for Medicine Supplies.

10. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the terms of the contract (if any) with Mr. K. K. Pillai of Messrs. Naire and Naire of London for the supply of foreign medicines, etc., to the Medical Department?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*: The agreement entered into with the firm for 1101 is available for reference in the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council. It is a lengthy document.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Since I have not been able to derive immediate benefit out of this reply, will I be given another opportunity to put supplementary questions?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is at liberty to put supplementary questions now.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I am not given the opportunity to refer to the records which I want. So, I am asking whether I will be given another opportunity to put supplementary questions. I am asked in the answer to refer to the record in the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council. That is why I am asking for another opportunity to put supplementary questions.

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is open to the member to put a fresh question hereafter.

Nurses in the Medical Department.

11. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the services of any of the nurses were dispensed with during 1925 for violating any of the provisions of the rules published in the *Government Gazette*, dated the 13th July, 1920;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether these rules were meant to be applied to the first batch of nurses recruited in Vrischikam 1096;

(*c*) whether any bond was taken from the nurses recruited in 1096;

(*d*) whether the recruitment in 1096 was strictly in accordance with the rules referred to above; and

(*e*) whether there are any nurses (recruited in 1096 or subsequently) in the department now, who are ineligible under these rules?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):
(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) No.

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